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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 671
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend R. Hix Clark for his meritorious service and many contributions to Watkins Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their personal and professional efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, these esteemed individuals have truly distinguished themselves among their peers and are credits to their respective families, communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is R. Hix Clark, who has rendered remarkable service as a commissioner of Watkins Institute in Nashville, which is a trusteeship of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in Franklin County, Mr. Clark graduated from the Nashville School of Law and was admitted to the Bar in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Hix Clark began his illustrious career as a teacher at the Draughon's Business College in Memphis before serving with distinction as a member of the Washington Industries Board of Directors from 1951-1984; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his astute service with Watkins Institute, Hix Clark has worked as a real estate developer at the Mike Clark Company in Nashville since 1985; and

WHEREAS, a gifted leader with vision and foresight, Mr. Clark served with probity as Commissioner of Watkins Institute and as a distinguished member of the Watkins Institute Board of Trustees from April of 1980 until December of 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service, Mr. Clark has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all of his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Hix Clark actively led and personally participated in the development of new educational programs, the recruitment, development, and mentoring of the board of trustees and administrative staff, the national accreditation of Watkins Institute as a College of Art and Design, and the development and stewardship of financial resources for Watkins Institute; and

WHEREAS, Hix Clark is the quintessential "pillar of society" who has given unreservedly of himself for the betterment of his community and the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, he has served as an excellent volunteer and board member of a number of civic organizations, including the American Red Cross, Junior Achievement of Nashville, the Metro Board of Equalization, the Nashville Rotary Club, the Tennessee State University Board of Advisors, the Tennessee Taxpayers Association, Murci Homes, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and the Washington Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in both private and public life, Mr. Clark has been a model of conviction, courage, and concern for the common man; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, R. Hix Clark epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark leads a life of irreproachable integrity and probity and performs with the utmost diligence and dedication in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. R. Hix Clark for his countless contributions to Watkins Institute and for his dedication to the citizens of the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize Mr. R. Hix Clark for his meritorious service to Watkins Institute and to the young people of this state and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.